

# Austin Habitat Stewards

## [Austin Habitat Stewards' Training Information](#)

*Share your passion for wildlife and help to Keep Austin Wild!*

Become an important part of YOUR city's efforts to Keep Austin Wild! Austin is one of the largest metropolitan areas in the country to receive the designation as a Community Wildlife Habitat™ by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). This success has been made possible by people like you, who have made the effort to create native wildscapes at their homes and in public places and to teach and assist others. That's what the Wildlife Austin Habitat Stewards' Training is all about.

Becoming a Habitat Steward™ not only means that you make a big difference here in Austin, but that you join the National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) nationwide team of volunteers who serve their communities as Habitat Stewards™. Wildlife Austin and partners NWF and Travis Audubon are offering a specialized training to teach you how to help others create and restore wildlife habitat in backyards, schoolyards, and other private and public areas. This training is engaging, fun and highly informative and you get to meet and interact with local conservation professionals and other similarly interested folks. **See the tentative schedule below!**

**Registration is now OPEN! Please click the red button below to fill out the registration form. Once you fill out the form Wildlife Austin will contact you for a short interview to gauge your interest. 25 applicants will be chosen to participate in this year's Habitat Steward Training! Everyone is welcome to apply! All you need is an enthusiasm for the natural world and a commitment to volunteering.**

**CLICK HERE  
TO APPLY!**



### You'll Learn About:

- How to Create Wildlife Friendly Habitats
- Native and Invasive Plants
- Landscape Design Principles
- Water Conservation
- Riparian Restoration Techniques
- Beneficial Insects
- Community Stewardship
- How to Deal with Human/Wildlife Encounters
- Native and Local Wildlife
- Invasive Plant Ecology and Management Techniques

### Habitat Stewards Receive:

- 30+ Hours of Intensive, Hands-On Training
- Engaging Field Trips and Habitat Activities
- A Comprehensive Training Manual with Local Resources
- Instruction from Local Conservation Professionals



An important part of becoming a Habitat Steward is giving back. We ask that each Steward commit to 30 hours of volunteer habitat work in the community. The course fee is \$50 and covers the cost of materials.

### Tentative Schedule for the 2012 training:

Date	Time	Location
9/6/2012	6pm to 9pm	Austin Nature and Science Center (ANSC)
9/8/2012	9am to 3pm	Hornsby Bend
9/13/2012	6pm to 9pm	ANSC
9/15/2012	9am to 3pm	Old Quarry Library Branch
9/20/2012	6pm to 9pm	ANSC
9/22/2012	8:30am to 12:15pm	Blunn Creek Nature Preserve
9/27/2012	6pm to 9pm	Mayfield Park
9/29/2012	8:30am to 12:15pm	Work Day (Location TBD)



### Attention Current Habitat Stewards!

It is very important that you log your hours on the NWF website! View this [step-by-step instruction manual](#) to learn more! The manual also includes directions on how to order free materials from the NWF website as well. Check it out!

